

**REMARKS**

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments and consider the following remarks. Claims 1, 14, and 20 have been amended to describe a specific embodiment of the invention which includes cellulosic filler(s) as well as inorganic filler(s). In particular, the independent claims were amended to include the subject matter of claims 12 and 19, respectively. Accordingly, claims 12 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice. In addition, claims 7 and 8 were canceled without prejudice simply to enable the addition of 2 more new claims without incurring additional fees. In light of canceled claims, it should be noted that there is no intent to limit the polyvinyl chloride resin to a specific inherent viscosity. The cancellation of the claims enables new claims 21-24 to be added without incurring additional fees. In light of the amendment, claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-18, and 20-24 are pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests examination of the application in light of the amendment and respectfully submits that the claimed invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art.

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